

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to AF AMENDMENT FILED 1-27-2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8 and 14-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alexander Zinchuk on February 8, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 14 line 3 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 14 line 4 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 14 line 9 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 14 line 10 delete "plan" and insert --plane--.

Claim 14 line 12 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 14 line 12 delete "9" and insert --.

Claim 14 lines 12-13 after "two" delete ", spaced from each other and extending parallel to each other, upright post (5)" and insert --upright posts (5), spaced from each other and extending parallel to each other and being--.

Claim 16 line 3 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 16 line 4 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 16 line 9 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 16 line 10 delete "plan" and insert --plane--.

Claim 17 line 3 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 17 line 4 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 17 line 9 after "post" delete "means".

Claim 17 line 10 delete "plan" and insert --plane--.

In the specification page 3 last line under Summary Of The Invention, after "post" delete "means".

In the specification page 4 line 2, before "on the post plate" delete "means".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the specific limitations of "wherein the post comprises two upright post, spaced from each other and extending parallel to each other", "wherein the post plate has a concave recess open toward the rotational axis of the annular core bit" and "wherein a side of the post plate adjacent to the vacuum plate is shaped as a segment of a circle" in combination with the remaining claim limitations are not anticipated or made obvious over the prior art of record in the examiner's opinion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamila O. Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-4431. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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